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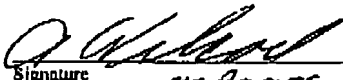
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This communication is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of October 9, 2007, along with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and requisite fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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